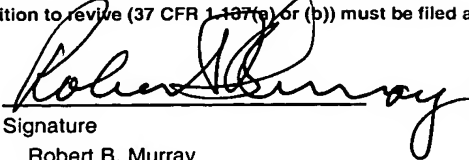


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371			U.S. Application No. (if known) 10/541388 New Application
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/000134	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE January 12, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED January 13, 2003	
TITLE OF INVENTION USE OF NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES FOR THE TREATMENT OF STATURE DISORDERS RELATED TO THE SHOX GENE			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Gudrun RAPPOLD-HOERBRAND, Beate HAECKER			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). ITEMS 11. TO 20. below concern other document(s) or information included: 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: PCT/ISA/237, PCT/ISA/210, PCT/RO/101, W0 2004/062555 A2 (1 ST page)			

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21. The following fees are submitted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national Fee \$300.00				CALCULATIONS \$ 300	PTO USE ONLY
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$100.00 All other situations \$200.00				\$ 200	
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Search Authority \$100.00 International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office \$400.00 All other situations \$500.00				\$ 400	
TOTAL OF 21, 22 AND 23 =				\$ 900	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.				\$	
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Rate		
- 100 =	/ 50 =		x 250	\$	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$	
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	17 -20 =		X \$50.00	\$0	
Independent Claims	6 - 3 =	3	X \$200.00	\$ 600	
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 1,500	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$ 750	
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 750	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				+ \$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 750	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				+ \$ 40	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 790	
				Amount to be refunded	\$
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a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-2135 in the amount of \$750 to cover the above filing fees and \$40 to cover the assignment recordation fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2135. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.497(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
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